

Different Worlds

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Summary: Hiccup rides to Dunbroch castle in order to make peace between the Vikings and the Scots. However, is it more than just a treaty or is it some that is led to fate? Read and find out.

1. A Bumpy Ride

****I have seen many you tube videos of Hiccup and Merida and I was inspired to write a story about it. I don't care about historical accuracy and I don't want to hear about it. Also, if anyone got the title reference please comment on it. ****

****The Dragon and the Bow ****

Chapter 1: A Bumpy Ride

It had been about a couple of months since the defeat of the Green Death and Hiccup was flying Toothless around the island of Berk. His emotions clouded his judgment as his landing was off by a lot as he crushed some grass. Hiccup looked at his leg as it reminded him of what he had to do to get the citizens of Berk and what it costed him.

He became "Hiccup the dragon tamer", the number one expert on dragon taming.

As soon as he got in town, Hiccup looks at the other Vikings, who were rushing into the great hall as his father, Stoick the Vast, had a very important meeting about the unity of the Scottish.

"Ok, I have heard news from some scouts that the Scottish people have ended their feud and have considered making a pact with the Vikings" Stoick said looking at all his people.

Hiccup moves to the front of the people to hear what his father had to say about the matter of a truce. After Stock's announcement,

everyone began shouting about Scots not being peaceful or what if they go to war against them due to the dragons they possess.

"Calm down, Calm down. I know that and I have agreed to send anyone is willing and able to fly there to be a representative of the Vikings" Stoick said roared looking at everyone to see who will go

Everyone yelled again in order for one of them to be picked. One after another shouted reasons as to why they are qualified to leave Berk in hopes of peace with the Scots. However, it was no use and Hiccup was being pushed and shoved until he had enough and shouted.

"I will leave for this land" Hiccup looked at everyone as there was a look of hesitation in everyone's eyes including his father's.

"But, Hiccup I don't think that is such a good idea" Stoick said putting his hands on son's shoulders trying to persuade him into not going.

"Why not", He said. "I have tamed dragons, I have helped this land, and I even defeated a large dragon. Pleases let me go"

Stoick was about to say why he couldn't but then gazes at his son's leg as he still remembered the blood that he lost from the battle of the Green Death. Stoick never broke down just because a Viking lost an arm or a leg. However, Hiccup was different and he had to admit that it is true that Hiccup has done a lot for Berk. He signs and stares at Hiccup and the villagers as the decision rested on his shoulders.

"Fine, you can go but you must be careful" He looked at Hiccup in agreement to let his son go on this questionable mission.

Hiccup saddles Toothless up as he heard a voice from behind him. He turns around to find Fishlegs behind him.

"Look Hiccup, are you sure you want to do this?" Fishlegs asked him

"Yes, Fishlegs I am sure that I am ready" Hiccup answered

"Well, it's just that you and Astrid did have a rocky break up" Fishlegs said looking at Astrid training with an axe.

Hiccup looks at Fishlegs. Tears were going to appear from his eyes but he faked a cough in order to calm himself down.

"They are called crushes for a reason, Fishlegs. We just have to move on from them" Hiccup felt pain as he got on Toothless. He couldn't worry about such things as he had a job to do. Convince a race of people he didn't fully understand to make peace with the Vikings.

"Well, be careful ok Hiccup" Fishlegs said

"What's the worst that could happen" Hiccup said as he pats Toothless signaling the dragon to fly.

Hiccup was flying over the water day and night to reach his destination in time. Yawns and tired eyes were both on Toothless and Hiccup. They were exhausted from the travel as they thought they would have never reached land in time. It was night time and Hiccup was about to camp for the night when he gazed upon a sight that immediately woke him and his dragon up.

It was land! They had finally seen a sight of land that seemed like if they saw it if they were in the desert. Hiccup and Toothless slowly started to descend to land when a rock soared past them. He realized that he wouldn't be welcomed as warmly as he had hoped. Alongside the rocks, arrows and spears were being tossed in the air at them. Hiccup avoided most of them trying to land near the mouth of the river. However, Hiccup laid eyes on a blue wisp that sneaked past him and saw many others in front of him before a boulder hit Toothless, thus causing Hiccup to dismount from Toothless as the both of them separated upon impact on the land.

Hiccup hit a few branches before crashing into the ground. Too weak to get up, Hiccup laid on the ground looking up at the nighttime sky. The cold air blanketed him as shivers went up his spine. Hiccup noticed the smell of the land smelt similar to Berk. The last thing he saw before closing his eyes was of the blue wisps surrounding him. He was in for one wild adventure.

**I hope you liked the chapter. Sorry, if it seems short. The next chapter will be on Brave and what is going on there. I hope you will like this story. **

2. Discovering your Fate

**Hello everyone that has commented, followed, or liked this story thus far. I didn't think it would get this many follows. This is the second chapter of Different Worlds and I can assume you all know what it will be about. I originally had a finished copy of the chapter but my computer was going through problems and deleted the chapter. So, I had to rewrite it. Also, this takes place at the same time as chapter 1. Just in case, people want to know why this is happening. Enjoy the chapter. **

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Chapter 2: Discovering your fate

Meanwhile,

In Dunbroch

"No. No. No. AHHHHHHHHH" Merida screams as she woke up from another nightmare.

It had been one whole year since the defeat of Mor'du. Yet, the dream had nothing to do with him. The dream she was having was of the one nightmare that was about to come to a reality, Marriage.

Even though her mother said Merida would choose a suitor, she kept denying each suitor that entered the throne room. It wasn't that Merida didn't want a suitor. It was that, there was no one that impressed her.

Merida felt his hand slip as she fell off the bed.

Getting up, she went inside her closet getting dressed up. She didn't want to rely on servants, when she can get her clothes on by herself. She grabbed her bow and walked out of her room. She then heard trouble as she hears wails of screams being heard from the kitchen.

She shook hearing her brothers running out of the kitchen with apples that they carried with both of their hands. They waved their hands to Merida and she grabbed an apple from one of them. Although, her relationship with her brothers has improved, they still are up to their old antics as usual.

After she ate the apple, she tosses it away as it landed on a guard's hand. She entered the dining hall of her mother and father.

After one year, Merida and her mother had a better and understanding relationship. They respected each other's opinions and occasionally had mother-daughter bonding time.

Fergus look at his daughter and laughed. Elinor no longer wore braids as it represented freedom in a certain way. Yet, this did not stop her role of being queen. Merida and her mother left to horse ride through the forest. Fergus then saw his sons running off with apples, which made him yell.

"BOYS"

Merida and her mother rode into the forest having a few laughs with each other. They rode on and on remembering their adventure in the woods as Elinor avoided the berries in which almost killed her and rode past the lake that contained worms.

**(A/N I think that scene in Brave was very funny. That scene has got to be one of my favorite scenes of the whole movie. Hiccup: Umm can we get back to the story; I am still lying on the ground? Me: Na, I am sure you will be fine. Merida: Are you two done yet? Finish this chapter and stop wasting time or do ye want another arrow. Me: Ok sorry getting back to the story) **

Her mother looks at her daughter as she sighed. Although, she let Merida make her own decision. She wanted Merida to get married or at least meet someone she was crazy about. She could tell from her daughter's fake smile that she longed to be with someone.

Suddenly, her mother looked up at the clouds. She saw the birds flying away and she looked at Merida who was riding along.

"Merida, let's go" she told her

Merida looked concerned as she looked out seeing it was almost sundown, and she knew how dangerous the woods at nighttime. Merida followed her mother as she saw a will'o wisp dancing alone.

Merida stopped her horse. She wondered why they appeared now of all times. Her mother stopped looking at Merida.

"Honey, let's go" She said

"Right" Merida said riding with her mother.

Elinor looked out the window seeing the lake wondering when 'company' will arrive.

"I can't believe you invited that barbaric excuse for a hero" Fergus said

"Can't you put aside your petty differences against Stoick?" she exclaimed

"I will when he admits that I am better than him" Fergus yelled

"Well, he may not be coming here" Elinor sighed

She heard her husband cheering when he heard about Stoick's absence.

"However"

Fergus stopped his cheering. He saw her sitting down giving him a smile

"He has send someone else in his place"

"Who is it" he said

"He is arriving tonight" she said "We are going to welcome him, right?"

"Wait, why are weâ€¦..ah ah ah" Fergus said before having his ear being pulled by Elinor "Ah ah, right my queen"

"Good" she lets go of his ear, which he landed on the floor.

"Lady Elinor, Lord Fergus" one of the guards called out

"Yes" Elinor saw the guard coming in

"An unknown beast flew through the lake, we didn't know what it was" the guard said

"Ok, and" Elinor looked at the guard

"We felt it was a threat, so we shot it down" the guard said

"Ok good, send a group of soldiers to find out what it is" Elinor said. She left the guard to go search what the thing was. She was concerned about their visitor wondering when he will arrive.

Unknown to all, Merida had heard the conversation and rode on Angus to see what got knocked out of the sky.

She rode Angus along in the woods avoiding the soldiers who were searching the forest like wolves. She had to hurry along to get to it first. She had grown curious to see what kind of beast it was. This beast had to be something rare as only a few things could have blown past the fortified area near the lake.

Suddenly, Merida saw a long mark on the ground. It looked like something slide along the mark as she saw thousands of broken trees.

'Whatever made all these trees fall and break must have been something large' Merida thought wanting to follow the path.

She tried to follow it until a wisp blocked her way. Merida ignored it and pressed on.

Again, another wisp blocked the way as a row of wisps blocked the way.

"Why are you in my way" She asked. The wisps let a line behind her as she sighed.

"Fine, I will believe you this time. But, this better lead to something" Merida groaned being forced by the wisps to follow it.

As Merida followed the wisps, she noticed something in the middle of the path. She walked towards it. She looked down what appeared to be a saddle. She got off Angus and picked up the saddle. Although, it looked old and worn out, it looked like it could endure anything. She felt it was still warm. She dropped it.

"If you were the horse" She said looking down the path she previously walked on, she then looked towards the other side "Then, where's your rider"

Merida ran along the path as it was getting smaller and smaller. When the ground appeared to be flat, she jumped out of the destroyed area, seeing a group of wisps circle around a person. Merida didn't know who this person was and assumed that he was the person, her mother was talking about.

She looked at him. Her face lit up. Her heartbeat and her breathing were increasing. She walked towards him as he was unconscious. She felt his heartbeat and he was still alive. She scanned his body looking at him. She then noticed his leg. It was like her dad's leg.

Suddenly her mind freaked when she heard one of the guards shouting. She picked up the guy as she struggled to keep up his weight. Although, she was strong; he still weighted a little more than what she is use to lifting.

She looked at his face as she chuckled. He looked like a fishbone.

She snapped out of it and put him on Angus and got on Angus herself. Before she started to move along, he landed on her back as his arms clinged to her. Merida's right eye twitched as she wanted to scream, yet it felt so natural to her that she allowed it and rode along home.

Elinor paced herself in the throne room. She went up to look for Merida, but she disappeared. Fergus looked at his queen and smiled.

"It's ok, she will return" Fergus said

"But, how could she just run off like that" Elinor said

"It will be alright, my queen" Fergus hugged his wife seeing his sons asleep on their thrones.

"You are right" Elinor relaxing herself forgetting that Merida has survived in the woods before.

"Besides, the worst that could happen is that she brings a man home" Fergus laughed.

However, Fergus's words were proven to be true as Merida arrives in the throne room with a boy.

"I need help" She screamed seeing the guard and her parents looking at her and the boy.

The guards carried the boy into the healing area as Elinor went to see to it. Merida suddenly snapped out of her worried nature as she didn't know what she was feeling. The boy's eyes opened as he was on the bed. Fergus was about to shout until Elinor shushed him. Merida looked at him.

"It's ok you are safe now" she said to him

"Ow, my head. Umm, am I in the Dunbroch " the guy said

"You are" Merida said as she looks at him "the name's Merida. What's yours?"

"My name is Hiccup" he said before going back asleep.

As the night falls, a giggling wisp disappears from the window.

****Here is the end of the chapter. What did you think? Put up your comments, concerns, or suggestion in the review. I will enjoy hearing from you. ****

****Also, I feel Merida does get her clothes on by herself. For people who watched Brave and say I am wrong about it, consider that she isn't like other girls. ****

****I know I could have done more, I hope you all can forgive me for it. Don't worry, I am sure Toothless is fine. ****

3. Why Me?

****Thank you all for following this story. It really means a lot to me and I hope you look forward to the upcoming chapters as well. Continue to follow and review this story. I bet you are wondering what surprises lay in the next chapter. Don't worry; I am sure Toothless is fine. Just resting from being hit, I think. Well, I will be showing where Toothless is. He is not dead! YET! I am just teasing. OR AM I? Find out in chapter 3****

****Gees Toothless seems to have a lot of fans. Don't worry I am sure**

Toothless is fine. **

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Chapter 3: Why Me

Merida's arrows were piercing the targets as she couldn't believe the news that her parents announced after the new comer had arrived. Hiccup, what kind of a name is Hiccup anyways.

Merida couldn't believe her parents intension upon bringing Hiccup here. A treaty that would require her betroth to him. They were out of their mind. She wasn't ready to get married. She wasn't ready for all that responsibility at all.

The boys watched their sister fire her arrows in anger. Although, they didn't know what to make of the Viking, he was ok according to them.

Hiccup was taking in a lot of the news. He had gone from being a lonely bachelor to someone engaged to be married, all within a span of a month. Hiccup had walked outside seeing Merida chopping off head as he saw her brothers eating an apple.

"Mine if I join you guys" Hiccup asked

The three siblings nodded their heads as they gave a little room for Hiccup to sit down in.

He saw her fighting straw people and targets as she uses the combination of her sword and bow and arrow to dispatch them.

"Is she always like this" Hiccup asked the brothers and they replied with a nod.

He watches her as she acted so much like Astrid. Hiccup lowered his head remembering his ex girlfriend as he sighed. Remembering how he caught her kissing another Viking. The yelling, the arguments, and what led to the eventual break up between them. A voice pulled him back from his memory.

"Ye, Viking get down here" Merida called to Hiccup

"I have a name you know" Hiccup shouting back

"Like I care" Merida roared back

Hiccup sighed as he went downstairs as he looks at the red haired woman tossing him a sword.

"Can you use this" Merida spoke to him as if he was new with a sword

"Of course, I know how to use it" Hiccup almost loses his balance with the sword "Ok, it has been a while"

Merida shook her head as started to train with Hiccup.

"Come on keep up" Merida told him as she was swinging her sword to clash with his.

"I am trying to keep up" Hiccup said as he was doing as what Merida was instructing

The boys watch the future king and queen fight over of how different they were. Hiccup fell down when Merida attempted to swing below him. He looks up as Merida's sword was in front of his face.

"Now, want to try again" Merida smirked as Hiccup stood up

"No thank you" Hiccup said to her

"Good" Merida exclaimed before putting her sword away

"No wonder you're not married yet, stubborn as a mule" Hiccup told her putting away the sword.

Those words not only made the three young princes gasp, but Merida stopped in her tracks as she turned to Hiccup.

"What did ye say?" Merida darted her eyes at him

"O about you being stubborn as a mule" Hiccup smirked crossing his arms.

The first prince waved his arms trying to make Hiccup retract his statement. Merida stomped slowly towards him.

"Your attitude is much like your hair, uncontrolling and untamed. Like a beast" Hiccup looked at her only to make her angrier.

The second prince swung his hand to his throat in hopes that Hiccup would be silent to his sister about his comments.

"I bet you can't fall in love, even if you want to. You are simply unbearable" Hiccup said

The last prince thought _he's a dead Viking_.

He thought as he looks at how angry his sister was. Much like the time they stole her clothes while she bathe. The last words of Hiccup set Merida in the air to tackle him down and make him eat his words.

"AHHHHH Merida ahhhhhhh" Hiccup struggles to break out of her hold, but he was no match for her strength.

The boys looked down seeing Hiccup's pain as each of them covered their eyes. Merida was finding new ways of almost breaking Hiccup's body with her arms and legs. The boys all thought in union when Merida punched him in the face.

That is going to leave a mark

Merida picked up Hiccup as she had a death-like glare at him. Hiccup recovered a little bit.

"Ok, ok I am sorry" Hiccup shields his hands

"Good, and one more thing" Merida said before swinging her leg in

between his leg bringing him down to his knees "Mess with me again and I will make it worse for ye"

Hiccup nodded as she left the training ground, while the three princes attempted to treat Hiccup's wounds.

The meal was fresh as Fergus, Elinor, the triplets, and Merida was eating at the table. Elinor had looked at Hiccup, who had just sat down. She gazed upon his wounds and immediately looked at Merida.

"What mom, I didn't do this" Merida told her obvious lie

"Yea, I ummm fell down some stairs" Hiccup told her

"O, ok" Elinor decided to eat anyways knowing her daughter just fight up a Viking in which they were going to agree on a treaty. She had a good way of getting back at her daughter.

"Shall we discuss where Hiccup will be sleeping?"

Her three sons raised their hands to have Hiccup sleep in one of their beds. Elinor ignored them as she had a better idea.

"Merida, since you have shown such emotion towards your husband to be, you and him will be sleeping together for the remaining time" Elinor said

Merida's glass was overflowing with juice as she had twitched her eye upon hearing her words. Hiccup coughed upon spitting juice from his mouth as he almost took Elinor's words out of context.

Immediately, both Hiccup and Merida began to disagree with Elinor's words.

To Hiccup, sharing the same room with the demon that almost mauled him wasn't exactly the greatest idea in the world. A lot of things could go wrong with it.

To Merida, being in the same room with him was painful enough. Now, she had to share the same room as him. That was the same room she changes in. Her cheeks were the same shade as her hair upon thinking of Hiccup that way.

"It has already been done" Elinor looked at both of them.

Merida had glared at her roommate, who was giving her a worrying shrug.

Hiccup was in the bathwater trying to adjust upon living with Merida and her family. Her mother was a very nice woman. He never knew his own mother, but Elinor seemed to think of her as one. He shivers upon the thought of marrying Merida.

Fergus reminded him a lot of his father. He heard the stories of the bear king from his father and telling Hiccup how good friends they were and what fights they had together. Hiccup usually laughed at Fergus's jokes and humors.

The triplets seemed to remind him of his own young days and how much

trouble he would cause. They treated him as if he was a part of the family.

The last one was Merida. How much they were different from one another. Her stubbornness, her rage, her ambition; all reminded him of his ex, Astrid. He froze when he thought about her. He felt tears dropping from his eyes as he tried to keep his emotions under wrap.

He managed to get out of the water and dried off. He slipped on his night clothes, and walked into his room with the woman who would become his wife. She was in a gorgeous nightgown, but he was still mad at her to even notice how beautiful she looked. Merida held a pillow and blanket in her hands and presented it to him.

"Ye is sleeping on the floor" Merida told him

"Wait, why can't I sleep on the bed" Hiccup was baffled

"Because, I don't trust ye. I don't want someone I barely know sleeping on the bed with me" Merida looked at him crossing her arms as she lies on the bed.

"Fine" Hiccup complained as he lies on the floor putting the pillow under his head. He covers himself with the blanket as he was going to be sorer in the morning.

Before Merida turned off the light, she looked down at the young Viking, who looked back at her. "What's up?"

"It's nothing" she glared back at him as she turned off the lights.

What was that sense just now? Merida questioned wondering why she looked at him like that. She shrugged it off and lies down on the bed hoping to get some shut eye. For tomorrow is a better day.

**I think this is a good stop point for this chapter. What do you think? I know people were expecting Toothless, but he will be in a future chapter. I can't tell you which one though. I guess you will all have to read this story to find out more. Hopefully, everyone will like this chapter and comment on it when they can. Well, until then see you all later. **

4. The Crossbow

No Toothless for this chapter, but I promise that he will be revealed within the upcoming chapters. I just thought I focus on the Merida/Hiccup first. Don't worry I am sure you will see that Jet black dragon again someday. Just bare with me for now. For the Feedback.

**Wes300: Well Merida isn't too touched on the idea of sharing her room with a man near the same height or age as her. **

**Guest: You are right about that. I am not sure about the idea of Hiccup going through that, I think that has already been done before. I considered it once, however I decided not to at last minute.
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Chapter 4: The Cross Bow

Hiccup groaned as he was sleeping on the hardwood floor. His back was already in pain due to the red haired demon who would soon become his wife. Assuming he would live before their wedding day.

Hiccup tried to get up, however felt like a heavy weight was on top of him. Little did he know, the red haired princess had rowed over and landed on top of him in the middle of the night. Feeling he was soft as a bear, she gripped him holding him real close for comfort.

Hiccup noticed her and was sort of freaking out. What if she woke up? What if she took this the wrong way? What if she hit him in the face again? These were things that Hiccup didn't want her to wake up to. However, he was too late. She had woken up.

Merida smiled a little as Hiccup chuckled nervously. Merida's eyes were widened at the sudden realization of what her position was, and that she was near Hiccup. She let out a bear-like scream.

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Her vocal cords were heard from the whole kingdom. Hiccup couldn't cover his eyes in time as he didn't realize how loud she could scream.

He looked up seeing Merida's eyes turn deadly as he was trying to crawl away to safety.

"Merida, it wasn't what you think" Hiccup feared as Merida glared at him

"I was on ye body, what was it then?" Merida glare only kept her moving closer to the Viking.

"Ummm you have bad sleeping habits" Hiccup tried to make the excuse as he realized his own mistake. "O boy"

The room became a hurricane after Hiccup's last comment to Merida, as Hiccup came downstairs with a black eye on his right eye. He put ice on it as Elinor looked at her daughter, knowing who was really to blame.

"What, I told ye" Merida spoke "It was Hiccup fighting a guard"

Elinor sighed as it has already been a couple of weeks since Hiccup has arrived in DuBroch and Merida was really to kill her would be husband. She didn't know what to do anymore as Hiccup feared the young maiden.

Many of the guards and soldiers were watching Merida when Hiccup also looked at her. One of the guards decided to talk to the future husband of Merida.

"There is Merida again, taking her shots like usual" the guard told Hiccup

"How good is she" he spied looking at her firing her arrows.

"Well, she is the best archer in the whole kingdom, even bested three princes from rival kingdoms" another guard jealous of Merida's skills with a bow.

Hiccup was quite curious as he ducked down when she spotted the guards spying on her.

"If ye have no other business to attend to, I am sure the Bear King can make you all do something" She growled as she glared at each of the guards.

The guards spill as Hiccup grabbed one of their arrows knowing it to be similar to Merida's own arrow. He noticed a flaw within the arrow head himself. He wasn't too sure, but he needed to test his theory tonight.

He made sure everyone in the kingdom was asleep when he was trying out his theory when he had slipped out of the room. Merida had pretended to sleep when Hiccup had slipped out. She noticed during dinner that he was up to something, so she decided to see what exactly that was.

Hiccup had grabbed a bow and a bunch of arrows from the armory and proceeds to head towards the archery range.

'what are ye doing Viking' Merida saw his back heading to the archery range as she slipped into the range and saw him preparing arrows to fire.

Hiccup looked at the targets and breathed in and out feeling a hint of nervousness. He suddenly began to take aim with his arrow when it kept going out of balance. It was difficult for him to fire such a weapon. Merida couldn't help but laugh at his misfortune.

Hiccup kept getting angry at it, when the red haired princess went out of her hiding spot. Hiccup had it together when.

"What are ye doing, Viking boy" Merida called out as Hiccup misfired and hit the stone wall

"What are you doing here, I thought you were asleep" Hiccup looked down feeling miserable he missed such a target.

"Relax, I came to see what ye were up to" she told him as strange as it was; her accent was one of her attracting features.

"It's nothing I was just seeing your arrows" Hiccup chuckled

"Assume the position" Merida told him

"Assume the what?" Hiccup just suddenly looked at her wondering what her words meant

Merida stuck the bow out, put the arrow in Hiccups arms, making him look at the target and pulled on the string for the back of the arrow

to put in. "Now fire"

He fired the arrow as she looked at him. "Key is that you should focus on what you seek, not what you think"

Hiccup looked at her "why are youâ€|"

"Look, I may not like you personally, but I love archery a lot more" She crossed her arms feeling a little tired, but was using her alertness to stay awake.

Hiccup fired another arrow with the same effort and smiled as Merida couldn't help but smile as well. He put the bow and arrows back as Hiccup knew what he was going to be busy doing.

Merida had not seen the Viking boy for days. She knew his name was Hiccup, she just preferred to call him that instead of that excuse for a name. She asked almost everyone where he was hiding. None of the guards could tell her where he was; her parents were no help either.

She checked on all the horses making sure he wasn't in the woods. One of the things he did while at the castle was use one of the horses to search for some creature named Toothless. What was a Toothless?

Merida had found Hiccup working on a contraption in the area where the blacksmiths worked in. She tried to enter, but her brothers had stopped her from approaching Hiccup. Merida tried to move to see what he was working on, yet her brothers closed the curtain. Merida felt like she was kept from Hiccup's little project for some reason.

For the past few days now, Hiccup has been avoiding Merida, working on his project, taking minor breaks only for Merida to be stopped by her mother, father, or brothers. He knew her brothers were in on Hiccup's project. Something about it made Merida all curious to see what it is. Hiccup had even made excuses to have Merida leave the workshop.

From the room being all steamy and hot, to Hiccup moving the contraption from room to room; Merida was growing more curious as to what the object was. Merida couldn't take much more of it. She sped up before the brothers could even warn the Viking, Merida stormed in.

"Hiccup, you better tell me what is going on in here right now" Merida glared at the Viking

Hiccup was taking his shirt off as he was really hot and sweaty from working as he looked at Merida. "Did you say something, Merida?"

Merida stopped her yelling to look at the slim body of the guy she shared a room with. She was paralyzed with the focus of staring at his body. Sweat ran down his body as she gulped. She was unprepared for something such as this. She ran out of the room without another word as he face was red from seeing him like that. She hid behind the wall breathing and out heavily as she didn't understand why she stopped yelling at him. Was he working out? What was he doing that he needed his shirt off? These thoughts fluttered her mind while

thinking of his well-toned body.

Everyone was eating dinner that night as Hiccup looked at Merida as he knew he was going to take the floor tonight. Hiccup's back was killing him as the floor wasn't the most comfortable place to sleep. He saw the fish they were going to eat tonight.

"O great, another fishbone I hate looking at" Merida relating the fish to Hiccup

"Ok, that is it" Hiccup pushed the chair and glared at the Scottish princess.

"I am tired of you putting me down all the time, I am tired of sleeping on that hard stone floor, I am tired of you insulting me every chance you see me" Hiccup glared at the red haired princess.

"What you going to do about it fish-boy" She smirked at him

"I challenge you to a contest" Hiccup declared as Fergus was smiling, however stopped due to Elinor elbowed him.

"You are on, whatever it is I can beat you fair and square" Merida looked at him

"If I win this match, you have to stop insulting me and allow me to sleep on the bed with you" Hiccup looked at her

"And if I win" Merida darted her eyes back to him creating an electric feeling between the two.

"I will sign the treaty and go back to Berk. No marriage involved" Hiccup made that order as Elinor and Fergus were shocked by this.

Merida liked those odds, "So, what's the contest Viking boy"

The Next Day,

Hiccup was a dead man, the three princes thought as they saw Hiccup and Merida in front of the archery targets out in the field. It was a contest of archery. Elinor and Fergus had little hope for Hiccup. He was walking into something that he wasn't going to win. Their daughter was the best archer in all of the DunBroch. Hiccup didn't stand a chance.

Hiccup felt the wet ground after the heavy rain that happened last night. He smiles as he looked at it.

"You are lucky to be standing there, because it is the last time you will ever set foot here" Merida glared

Hiccup went to meet Merida in front of the targets as they were set at fifty feet. King Fergus walked up to the middle to look at Merida and Hiccup to announce the rules.

"Both participants will stand at the line given to them. They will use their long ranged weapons to fire at the targets. Using the weapons they had prepared overnight, they will attempt to hit their

targets. The middle is worth ten points, and then around the middle will be worth nine points, so on and so forth. Hitting through that target is worth five extra points. My daughter will be going first. I wish the best of luck to both of you" Fergus when up to Hiccup. "You know you can back out now, while you still have the dignity"

Hiccup shook his head and was preparing his first weapon watching Merida's stance and position as she fired the first three arrows as that was how much was given to each target. Hiccup saw the speed she moved as she fired each arrow. Hiccup saw her smiling as she went back to sit down.

"Be prepared to be sent back home" Merida smiled as she knew the outcome of this match.

Hiccup unsheathed his invention that hid itself in a cloth, the weapon he hid from Merida. It was an overgrown crossbow. It was jet black with a large X in front of it. There was a small hole that was large enough for the arrow to move when it was launched out. Merida saw the craftsmanship on it as she was really impressed. She saw Hiccup take out a different kind of bow that she was unfamiliar with. The crossbow required two hands to handle it as Hiccup was looking down and smiled.

Merida crossed her arms seeing every time, the Viking would go to set up his arrows, he looked at the ground. It didn't matter to her as Hiccup couldn't even hit it correctly. He fired each arrow while looking at the ground and remembering what Merida had said to him.

The results were in as Hiccup and Merida had looked at one another. Everyone in the kingdom was curious to see who beat who.

"By the score of thirty to twenty seven, Princess Merida wins the match" the guard called out.

Merida smiled as most of the people that wanted Hiccup to win, threw their faces down. Some had hoped that Hiccup would beat the princess of arrows.

"Well, no hard feelings, but I think you overstayed your welcome" Merida crossed her arms looking at the Viking

"My lord wait" a guard panted up to everyone including the king and queen.

"What is it" Fergus stood up

"Upon further looking at the arrow, my friend forgot to factor in the arrows that made it through the targets" the guard tried to catch his breath "Merida's score moved up by five points. Hiccup's scoreâ€¦"

"Yes" The queen hesitated for a moment

"Went up by fifteen" everyone was shocked by this. Hiccup's arrows had hit through the targets. Merida saw two of her arrows being held to her, while Hiccup's three arrows returned.

"Hey, where's my last one" Merida ordered.

"Umm, you don't want to see..." Merida took off to see the fate of her last arrow. She saw the remains of her last arrow in pieces. It didn't resemble an arrow anymore. She looked back at Hiccup being lifted into the air, her family examining his crossbow, and down at her arrow. She only had one thought on her mind.

How did he win again me?

**Well, I better stop things here for the moment. It was such a fun chapter to write. So, what did everyone think of this one? From Hiccup waking up with Merida in his arms to him besting her in a game of archery; I know Merida fans will yell at me for letting Hiccup win. I promise my explanations for him winning will be explained in the next chapter. So, I will ask you all this? How do you think he won? I will give you all one hint. **

**They were hinted at during the contest, Hiccup had time to prepare for these factors; the timing of the contest, and even their weaponry. Those are the hints I am giving you for the three factors of how he won. Person that guesses the most or all of the factors will be the first one mentioned in my feedback for the next chapter. Until then, see you all later. **

5. The Showers

**Well, I wonder how Hiccup bet the best archer in all of the Dunbroch. Well, you will find out in this chapter. I hope you all will enjoy this chapter. Did anyone see that HTTYD 2 trailer, it was amazing. **

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Chapter 5: The Showers

Merida was staring out at the archery stage that she and Hiccup battled in. She couldn't understand it.

How did he win?

It didn't make any sense to her. He had no experiences with a bow. He shouldn't have made the shots that he did. Even with a crossbow, he wouldn't have been that good. How did he win?

Those thoughts kept repeating in her head as she was trying to wonder that very ideal as she kept pacing herself and pacing around trying to think of a way that Hiccup could have bested her in battle.

She also imagined them sharing a bed together; being married to that "Viking", saying lovely words that only her parents spoke to each other, and the lower region of Hiccup's body. Merida closed her eyes as she didn't want to imagine Hiccup's lower body, nor imagine the thing that she was imagining.

Merida needed to clear her head to wonder how the Viking won against her. She needed the answers. She looked at the crossbow as it was heavier than the normal crossbows and it was powerful. She would probably take out an army with this thing, if it wasn't so heavy. She

knew that the power of the crossbow was the first thing that Hiccup beat her on.

Her eyes drew attention to the arrowheads he used. There were something she never seen before. This metal wasn't anywhere in her land nor the allied lands. Hiccup must have used something that was in his own land. Merida growled as Hiccup had been in DunBroch for a few weeks and she still didn't know anything as far as he was a guy, a prince, and his own name.

Merida knew that the crossbow wouldn't talk to her. So, she set it down and decided to confront that man who would be wedded to her.

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She came out of her room as she looked at a guard, who was walking away from her.

"You, I want to know where Hiccup is" Merida roared

"Umm, who" the guard was confused

"The Fish boy" Merida continued

"I don't follow" the guard stood there as he was baffled by Merida's rage

Merida knew what she had to refer to Hiccup; she didn't like to refer him by that name one bit "My fiancÃ©"

"O I do believe he is currently bathing in the bath house" the guard snickered

Merida knew her mother was behind having the guards response to Hiccup as Merida's fiancÃ© as she still didn't like the idea of their marriage impending. Hiccup had won the contest, so the engagement was still on.

Merida heard Hiccup whistling as he made it to the bathroom. Merida decided to take it upon herself to make sure no one disturbed her plans of confronting him. Merida grabbed her robe and walked into the bathroom.

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Hiccup soaked himself in the bath. He felt a sense of relief from both the bath and the fact that he was staying in Dunbroch. He had no way of returning to Berk without Toothless. He wonders if Toothless was alright. He tried to find him everywhere as he kept crossing off places that Toothless would be.

He was also glad he was going to sleep on the bed. Merida's floor was as painful as her rage. He never understood why she was bothered by him so much. Was it that she was getting married to him or something else?

Unknown to Hiccup, Merida had taken off her gown and slipped into the large pool of water.

Hiccup was washing his arms and whistling while he attempted to speak as if he had a peace of mind.

"Hi there Viking" Merida spoke

"O hi Merida" Hiccup calmly said before freaking out at the reality of Merida being in the bath with him. "Umm, what an unexpected surprised"

"Yea it is, so you are going to answer some questions and I am not leaving this tub until you do" She glared at him

"Yea, but can you at leastâ€¦" Hiccup was shielding his face, so he didn't gander at anything lower than Merida's face.

"Will you relax, we are lucky that the steam is keeping our eyes at a safe distance" Merida spoke

"What did you want to know" Hiccup asked

"How did you win that contest? There was no way a wimpy inexperienced Viking like you could have ever beaten me like that" Merida crossed her arms in protest.

"You are right, I did beat you. However, the idea wasn't how I beat you. It was how I outsmarted you" Hiccup smirked

Merida was curious as she looked at his direction

_You see I couldn't actually beat you in an archery contest given your skills. So, I needed to outsmart you in order to stay here for a little while until I find my friend. _

_You see I used three distinct ways of winning the contest. Number one was the crossbow. _

_I knew from the start, I couldn't beat your bow unless it versed something just as strong and powerful; to make up for my strength, I strengthen the crossbow. This was a flaw as it was heavier that I had to use two hands in order to operate it. _

_This leads me to my next reason; my arrowhead is of a stronger alloy than yours. _

_You see, your arrowheads break when it collides with the stones. I saw it when you fired that shot the one day, and I noticed the same material your soldiers had as well. So, I developed a metal using a metal I have held on to for a very long time. It was how I was all to pierce all three target areas. This was to make up for the accuracy that you are best at. _

Merida had to admit, Hiccup did impress her there. None of her suitors ever talked like this. She shook her head not to become too flattered by the Viking.

"That doesn't explain the last reason" Merida crossed her arms. "You kept firing at the same spots I used to fire at with my bow and arrow. How did you win?"

"Outsmarted" Hiccup corrected her

"Don't push it Hiccup" Merida darted her eyes as he was lucky that she wasn't going to hurt him.

"Wellâ€¦". Hiccup went on

"_It is settled then; we will have the contest next week "Fergus told them. _

_Hiccup looked outside as a giant smirk went across his face. "Umm Fergus, why wait; Why not early tomorrow morning?" _

_Merida was shocked by Hiccup's decision "You want to leave that badly" _

"_Tommorow morning it is" Elinor announced _

"I don't understand, you just asked for the date to be moved to today" Merida was confused

"I could have waited until the week was over" Hiccup relaxed waiting for her to realize why he set it up that way.

"Because you want to get your precious boots wet with mud" Merida laughed as she suddenly realizes Hiccup's boots were very wet with mud than everyone else's. "You sly devil"

"You used the rain to figure where I would fire my arrows. You knew if we had the contest a week later, you would have lost" Merida realizes Hiccup's last plan

"Yep" Hiccup smiled

"I can't believe I lost" Merida fell to the water looking down feeling ashamed

"Outsmarted" Hiccup added

"You're not helping" Merida looked down

"Well, I can leave. I mean it isn't right for me to stay" Hiccup as he attempted to rise up and leave the castle.

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Hiccup's arm was feeling a great big tug from the princess who grabbed him by his wrist. There were multiple reasons Merida grabbed his hand. One part of her mind said it was that he won far and square. Another said that he impressed her enough to stay. Others would know later the real reason she did this.

"I mean, you won far and square and that's what matters" Merida smiled as she concealed herself in a towel as she threw one at his head.

"Ok ok, I will stay for now" Hiccup said

_I couldn't leave even if I wanted to. I still need to find Toothless. _

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It was bedtime at the castle and Hiccup was prepared to sleep another night on the ground. It wasn't the greatest seat in the house. Yet, It was better than having no place to sleep. Merida came out in her pjs viewing the young man attempting to sleep on the floor.

"Umm what are you doing" Merida told him

"I am sleeping on the floor" Hiccup smiled

"You won the contest; you get to sleep on this bed with me" Merida lays on the bed.

"O, I thought" Hiccup got up and looked at her

"Hey I don't go back on a contest" Merida darted her eyes at him

"Your mother said you denied three princes and almost destroyed the family" Hiccup blankly said

"Hiccup, it's either the bed or the floor" Merida smirked giving him an ultimatum

"Fine" He hopped on the bed taking off his prosthetic leg as Merida drew a little concern to it.

"How did it happen" Merida looked to him

"O this, I was in this fight with this large dragon and I had my best pal with me. We were able to defeat the dragon; however it cost me my leg"

Merida felt a hint of similarity after seeing her father with his leg. It was a hard adjustment for her. She sat on the bed view it.

"It's ok; it doesn't hurt me as much. It hurts on a different level. If I was to repeat the attack I would wish to be unharmed by the attack. But, I treat it like this was to be my fate" Hiccup chuckled

"What you mean?" Merida was confused by his words.

"My partner has a broken wing and I repaired it as well. So he has a prosthetic wing, like how I have a prosthetic leg. In a way, I guess it is a bond we both share" Hiccup laughed.

Merida looked at Hiccup "Just because we are sharing this bed together doesn't mean anything happens between us. So I don't want any funny business of any kind. I don't care what goes on in that mind of yours. Your body stays on your side, and mine will stay on the other side"

"Ok" Hiccup smirked as he laid down the same time as Merida.

"Night" they both sang before sleeping on the bed.

Hiccup knew in the middle of the night Merida would fight through his defenses and hold on to his body. He felt her warmness, how her arms wrapped around him and how her hair was in his mouth. He could have had a hairball with the amount of it, Hiccup had in his mouth.

Hiccup didn't mind. At first, he wanted to shove the girl off him. Yet, this time he was willing to let her sleep on his body. He shook his head wondering why he was acting like this. He looked out the window hoping Toothless was safe. He yawned as he had a long day and needed his rest for tomorrow. He closed his eyes and went to sleep. Merida's had hers open and looked up at the Viking sleeping. Suddenly this brought a smile in her face wondering why this did so. She shook her head and laid back down not minding she slept in his arms. Another day with them being together was immediate.

What were these strange emotions emulating from her body?

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**Well, that was a rather, weird chapter. I wanted to get Merida's admiration for someone beating her like that. Don't worry; she won't fall in love just yet. I know Merida would tear him up rather than admiring him like that. They finally share a bed together without Merida wanting to tear him limb from limb. There will be a challenge for next chapter. Until then see you all later. **

6. Chained Together

**Well it seems like Hiccup and Merida are getting along. I wish them the best for the future chapters. So, let's see some feedback.
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**Guest: yea I know. I would like to think Merida isn't a type of girl to admit defeat. So, Hiccup said he outsmarted her.
**

**Wes300: no one likes a romance that happens quickly. Love is like food, it takes it time to develop into something tasty.
**

**Sapphire Roz: You will find out when episode Seven of Star Wars comes out. I am just kidding; I know it will be soon.
**

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Chapter 6: Chained Together

Her eyes opened up seeing the bright light shine upon her room, Merida yawned as she slowly looked upon the body of the one named Hiccup. Merida found her arms wrapped around him as they had slept close to one another again. Merida didn't understand how they went from being in their own sleeping spots to appearing in the middle of the bed in each others arms.

Merida didn't mind it one bit. For why she didn't mind the comfort of

him holding her close was beyond her. She hoped that it would last forever. Hiccup may not have as much muscles as most of the men in her kingdom, yet his mind was always so fascinating. That brain of his was full of ideas, adventure, and compassion. Merida wanted to know more about him.

She looked at his face as she wonders how she didn't notice it before. It was full of sadness and yet simple wonder to it. She leaned in looking at his face as she wanted another look at it.

Merida didn't realize his hands pulled her to him as she lost her balance. When she opened her eyes again, she found a sight that wasn't exact easy to describe. Hiccup was holding her close. He must have been dreaming or else he would be focused upon what he was doing. She was on top of him, his hands to her back, and her lips on top of his. They were in a kiss. Merida couldn't believe she was kissing Hiccup. She flailed her arms in defiance. She had to break out of the kiss. She found her face being viewed by Hiccup who woke up to the situation. Both of them broke out of the kiss feeling disgusted, grabbing their throats, and coughing. Both looked at one another wondering what happened.

"Why did you kiss me" Hiccup coughed

"I was trying to get up and your arms pulled me in" Merida growled changing her clothes in her closet

"Yea sure it was" Hiccup smirked

"You think I am lying" Merida walked out seeing Hiccup without a shirt

Hiccup saw Merida pausing and staring down at his chest. Merida stood in her tracks looking at Hiccup. She hesitated as she wanted her hands to trace down that chest of his. She shook her head to snap out of it.

"Just hurry up, my parents will suspect anything if we are late for breakfast" Merida growled not wanting to show Hiccup her face as the cheeks of the princess of DunBroch were burning up.

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Merida and Hiccup were eating right next to eachother as Merida's own family was concerned with the relationship the two shared. Her father saw her skipping along. Her mother saw Hiccup defending her if any guard talked about her badly, even her own brothers were shocking at the amount of training the two did after breakfast. Elinor smiled at the progress the two were making. She decided to call the two to the grand hall.

"Want to explain to me about why we are here" Hiccup whispered feeling nervous

"I don't know, this is kind of a first for me too" Merida whispered back feeling the same feeling as the man that stood next to her.

From the top of the stairs, Elinor and Fergus came down with two

guards that carried a small box to Merida and Hiccup's confusion. Once the King and Queen sat on their thrones, they began to speak to the pair that was in front of them.

"Since you two have been getting along so well, we have decided to give you a simple test" Elinor announced "We have let our maids and servants take a day off for you two to take their place for today"

Hiccup and Merida were shocked by this. Cleaning up Merida room took them thirty minutes to do. Cleaning up a whole castle on the other hand would take them all day. Merida would figure she would clean one half of the castle and leave Hiccup to clean the other half.

"To make sure your bond is strong enough for this task" Elinor spoke as she saw Fergus struggling to lift a large box which contained a special metal handcuffs as Elinor grabs one hand of the pair and hooks it to the cuff. The cuff seemed to have a large metal chain attached to the cuff. Merida and Hiccup were confused.

"Wait a minute, how can we clean up if we need to be with one another" Merida asked

"You have to figure that out for yourself" Elinor answered her confused daughter. "I suggest the both of you get to work. This castle won't clean itself"

Merida shook her head in irritation as she prepares to clean with Hiccup. Yet, she felt it would have been better if her mother hadn't put the chain on them.

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A few hours later, Merida drags Hiccup along as she wiped her head that was beaming with sweat. She looks down seeing how tired he was.

"Come on, Hiccup. We have cleaned most of the castle we aren't done yet" Merida groans as she kept dragging him along.

"I am so tired. This would be easier with more people" Hiccup gasped as he was almost died tired. He didn't understand why he and Merida had to do this.

"Look, if you stop being lazy we can do it together" Merida smiled

"Me being lazy" Hiccup got up with some of his strength "I have been doing most of the cleaning"

"Not all the cleaning" She glared

"I have, you have been just watching me" Hiccup argued.

The more the pair argued, the shorter their chain was becoming as their looked at it trying to break it apart as it was only frustrating them more. Merida and Hiccup didn't realize that Hiccup tried to walk downstairs, yet he slipped and he was along the edge of the throne room's upper level. Merida held on to him.

"How did you miss the stairs, they are right there" She pointed to her right as Hiccup looked up at her as the change was getting shorter.

"I am sorry, I can't lose focus" Hiccup yelled

"You lose focus on a lot of things" Merida talked back

"Well, that tends to not happen when you hit me in the face when we sleep" Hiccup argued.

"Well this coming from the person who doesn't sleep" Merida growled

"Well Its hard to sleep with a woman who's hair I taste in my mouth" Hiccup looked at her

"Well, didn't your mom tell you not to eat hair" Merida glared as she looked down as Hiccup glared at her.

"I never knew my mother. She died when I was very young" Hiccup looked to the side.

Merida could tell that she went too far with her last statement. She struggles as it was hard to pick up Hiccup due to his metal leg. Hiccup tries to help her as it required the both of them to get out of the cuffs. With a little effort, Merida managed to lift Hiccup up as the cuffs unlocked itself midair, sending the Viking flying into the wall, making the red haired princess cringed with feeling how painful it was.

Merida rushes over hoping Hiccup was alright. She rubbed his cheek as she was upside down to his eyes and smiles.

"You ok darling" Merida smiled in a loving way

"Never better, dear" Hiccup smiled in the same fashion.

Both teens realized their words and blushes as Hiccup got up. He wiped the dust from his clothes and walked off to finish the chores they had.

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Hiccup was outside in the stables as he was finishing his chores knowing that Merida was in bed asleep. Elinor told the pair that their cuffs were released when they were working together as a team. Hiccup didn't understand why he blushed when talking with Merida in that fashion. Did she hate him or did she like him? Hiccup knew girls were very confusing.

Hiccup was feeling Angus as he took a breath from all the hard work he did today. He wonders how much longer he would be here? He wasn't sure if he wanted to marry Merida. He sort of liked her, but they were in the friend stage. Merida wasn't as bad as the kingdom made her to be.

He looks outside and sighed. He worried about Toothless. It's been three weeks and Hiccup searched every part of the forest. Every time he tried to search one area of it, the forest kept bringing him back

to a pillar of stones.

Tonight would be a new _night_ he told himself.

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Hiccup saw the red haired princess asleep in the bed with him as he slithered like a snake out of the bedroom. He couldn't let anyone in the kingdom know about Toothless. What would they think if they knew his pet was a dragon; even though he and Merida were friends? He never told her about Toothless in fear of what she might do.

Approaching the stables, Hiccup pulls out a carrot as he pet Angus. Like many nights, he has been taking Angus hoping to find Toothless. However, he wasn't having any luck as he searched each part of this forest and with no luck. Hiccup was leading the horse to the castle entrance. Hiccup started to set up hoping to get out of the castle unnoticed.

However, an arrow flew to the ground, which startled Angus and made Hiccup fall down as he looks to see the source of the archer. Hiccup soon found the sight of the woman, who he thought to be asleep.

"What are you doing awake" Hiccup held his heart feeling frighten

"I would ask you the same question" Merida answered

"I am really busy trying to find my friend" Hiccup got up from the ground. "I rode with him here but we got separated when we landed"

"O you were going out to find your friend" Merida blushes as it was what she thought it was.

"What did you think I was packing my bags and leaving DunBroch?" Hiccup asked

"No, of course not" She lied as she put her bow away and helped him up.

"Well, I will be going now" Hiccup got on Angus as he looked down to Merida.

"Hold on, Viking boy" Merida halted Angus as she looked at Hiccup with curious eyes. "I am coming with you"

"No I can't let you do that" Hiccup ordered.

No matter how much the Viking protested, Merida stubbornly got on Angus as she was the rider of him. Hiccup made sure he was in a position not to fall as he grabbed Merida tightly as he calmed down.

"I would watch how your body reacts if I were you. If your body reacts as much as it does in the mornings, I will kick you off this horse" Merida glared.

"We agreed never to mention that morning again" Hiccup felt flustered

and embarrassed that Merida was speaking of the moment again "It wasn't my fault you wore such loose clothing"

"Well keep it to yourself" She was blushing as well as she started to get Angus ready to ride off into the night; as Hiccup and Merida were ready to look for Hiccup's creature.

An adventure that would change both Merida and Hiccup forever.

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**Well, what do you think? Finally I end this chapter on a high note. Well, now is the time that I start writing Toothless into the story. He will be in the story in the next two chapters. Hopefully he will be just fine. I haven't seen How to Train Your Dragon 2 yet. I heard it was good. Anyways, I hope you all enjoy this chapter. Tell me your thoughts on the subject. Until then, see you all later. **

7. The Woods

**Hello again. Ahhhhhh, it's good to come back to see Merida and Hiccup interact in the forest, trying to find Toothless. I mean i am sure that dragon is made at me for disclosing him from the story. This chapter will be our lovely couple Hiccup and Merida, trying to find the dragon. Maybe Hiccup will learn more about Merida's world. I wonder why that sounds so dreadful. Anyways, let's hope our heroes don't kill one another. So, I hope everyone enjoys this chapter. I also need to get a hold of HTTYD 2. I have heard a lot of things. So, i hope you guys enjoy chapter 7. **

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Chapter 7: The Woods

The rain was pouring hard as Merida and Hiccup were traveling in the woods in search of Toothless. Merida saw how delicate Hiccup was to finding his pet. She probably would have done the same thing if it was Angus. The two had been in the forest for hours now and they needed to take a break sooner or later. Merida wanted to help out though.

"I think we should take a break," Hiccup said before leaping off the horse. Merida pulled on the strings as she looked down at Hiccup. She knew he wanted to do all that he could to find them, but Hiccup didn't want to tire out Merida or Angus.

"Alright then," Merida said before tying up Angus near a tree and looks at Hiccup running out to gather food. Merida ran off to find where he was going. She wasn't going to let him get killed out in the forest. She would have to explain to her parents and she really didn't want to go through all that. She was roaming around the woods trying to find him.

"Hiccup, where are you?" Merida collected her hands to amplify her voice making sure Hiccup heard her.

"Over here, Merida." Hiccup waved his hand holding a bunch of berries, that Merida knew what they were.

"Did you happen to find those by the creek?" Merida smirked as she crossed her arms.

"Actually, i did. Although, a badger was guarding them, i was just glad the creature was asleep." Hiccup smirked feeling proud that he discovered the strange berries as he took one from the pile and was about to put them in his mouth.

"They're Nightshade Berries." Merida grinned as she couldn't wait to see Hiccup's face. Hiccup smiled putting one in his mouth. Merida wanted him to eat one, but she didn't want him to suffer too badly. It was finally time to tell him the truth.

"They're poisonous." Merida said with a deadpan expression, but held a smirk to get one over on Hiccup. Before the viking could chomp down on the berry, he heeded Merida's warning and immediately spit out the poisonous berry. He dropped the other ones and started to wipe his mouth with his sleeves.

"Come on, i know where we could get some food." Merida laughed as she passed him by. Hiccup harbored a low growl before getting up to join Merida.

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><p>Hiccup saw a large river in thousands of fishes started to swim. He stared at Merida, who had her bow at the ready, as she aimed it a a group of fish. Once she let go, she hit about two fishes before the arrow embedded itself in the seafloor. Hiccup saw Merida going into the shallow water and picked up the arrow. She lifted her hand showing Hiccup the two fishes, that she caught with her arrow.<p>

Merida swam back and offered her bow to him.

"No thanks, i got this net." Hiccup offered to use his net to capture several fish. Merida, however, wasn't going to let her idea about him using her bow side. If the two were to be married, they should at least come to an understanding. Merida swung her bow in front of his path.

"Will you at least try?" Merida asked him.

"Merida, back where i come from, we don't really uses bow and arrows all that much. We're more of the axe welding type." Hiccup looked at her.

"Doesn't hurt to try something new." Merida smiled as she was still offering her bow to him. "I will help you learn. Besides, you already have momentarily won against me in that archery contest."

Hiccup smirked as he heard Merida not wanting to accept defeat by his hands. Merida gave him the bow and she went behind him in order to instruct him on using the bow. "Okay, now you want to try to using a stance that you are most comfortable with."

The viking assumed the position before he used the bow on his right

arm. Merida gave him an arrow in which he pulled on the string. The arrow was loose and was hard to control. Merida luckily showed how to keep the arrow still.

"Remember, keep your mind focused and concentrate. Everything might be a distraction, but don't let your guard down. Let the wind course throw your body. Think of the wind as helping guide the arrow to the target. Keep breathing deep breathes."

Hiccup focused on his deep breathing and tried to focus on the fish. However, he let go too soon and the arrow hit a rock and landed on the other side of the river. Hiccup groaned, but Merida knew he just needed another try. She handed him a bow. "Relax, no one gets it on their first try. Keep calm and let your body become the arrow."

Hiccup nods and tries again. However, try after try made his arrows either crash into the pond without a fish, lands on the other side of the river, or the two leap out of the way of the arrows that come towards them. Hiccup was becoming impatience. "Arrggghhhhh, i will never get this right. Why can't we just use my net idea?"

"Hiccup, you can do this. I believe in you." Merida told him in complete confidence.

Hiccup was relieved when Merida told him that she believed in him. That seemed to give him enough confidence as he carefully aimed the arrow. He breathed slowly and slowly released the arrow hoping that it would at least hit one fish. Merida looked over his shoulder and smiled. "Hiccup, you've done it. You actually hit a fish."

In their celebration, Hiccup and Merida didn't realize that they were slowly slipping into the pond. When the two finally regained their focus, it was too late.

****SPLASH!****

When they both recovered from their fall, Merida looks upon the face of Hiccup. Hiccup did the same. The two were in each other's faces. Normally, this happened at the castle with the both of them trying to back away from one another. Yet, for some reason, they didn't feel like backing away from one another. In fact, they didn't want to get up or looking away from each other. Hiccup and Merida were both curious. The two leaned in closer and closer with their eyes closed and their lips puckered. Slowly, the two were moving in to kiss one another. However, before they could make contact, a fish hit Hiccup right on the cheek.

"Ow!" Hiccup opened his eyes seeing the fish swim away.

Merida, who saw the whole thing, merely laughed at the situation. Hiccup, on the other hand, merely groaned in annoyance. "Would you like to help me up?"

"Sure, ya lazy bump." Merida giggled before she gripped on Hiccup's hand and pulled it up. Hiccup managed to get his footing, despite the fact that both of their feet were in the shallow water. He saw their clothes were completely drenched. He avoided to look at the young princess as he knew what happens to clothing on a woman when they were completely drenched in water. It would leave nothing to Hiccup's

imagination. "Why don't we get out clothes dry?"

Hiccup slowly realized he forgot something. "Oh shoot, i forgot to bring our clothes."

Merida patted him on his shoulder, "Well, luckily i remembered."

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><p>Merida and Hiccup were separated by a layer of leaves. Hiccup wanted to give the princess some privacy. Despite the fact that they were going to be wedded soon, doesn't mean that he was going to welcome himself to seeing the young red head's naked form.<p>

"Here you go," Merida threw Hiccup his pajamas that Merida managed to bring. It would seem that Merida was also willing to let the Viking have his privacy. Unlike him, a part of herself really wanted to be on that other side, but she kept fighting that urge to jump over there. Luckily, her side was where the fire was.

Merida hung up their clothes as she knew that they would eventually dry out. She spend some time in the woods, she knew her way around and could live in them for weeks.

"Okay, i am ready." Hiccup came out. As soon as Merida turned around, her entire body stopped when she saw him. Instead of the Fish-boned appearance, he was looking a bit built. She shivered as the past two months completely changed. She kept imagining him sleeping with her for many years to come. Even though, he would probably leave way before the year would be done, Merida wanted to cherish the times she would sleep next to him.

"I am sorry, we couldn't find your pet." Merida sighed.

"Well, its okay. He must be around here somewhere." Hiccup smiled as he poked the fire making sure it was still lit. He corrected her, "By the way, he is not my pet, he is my friend."

Hiccup and Merida both sat down on the ground hoping fall asleep. However, Merida turned over seeing how far away he was from her. She remembered all the times she would push him away because he was so close to her. Yet, this is what bothered her. She did want him to sleep close to her, yet she was probably bothered due to the fact that he was arranged to marry her.

"Hiccup," Merida said twindling her thumbs together softly and slowly. "You could...umm...sleep with me."

"What?" Hiccup tilted his head to the side wondering what Merida meant by that.

"I mean sleep next to me." She blushed as she really didn't mean it to hold a double meaning. "You could sleep next to me to get warm."

"Are you sure?" Hiccup asked. Merida nodded as quickly as he answered. There were times he did sleep next to her, but she mostly bit him or kicked him away from her. He just hoped that she wouldn't do it again. Merida got frustrated as she grabbed him by his PJs and quickly took him to her side. She ignored the pain that the metal

foot gave her.

Hiccup and Merida saw the stars and the moon in the sky. The two didn't care that their faces were touching. They just started at the stars for most of the night.

Merida was bothered by something she found in Hiccup's possessions a few nights ago, but she didn't want to tell him. She thought that she might ask him when they were alone. Now was that chance to reference this moment of frustration.

"Hiccup, can i ask you a question, and i want you to be honest with me?" Merida gazed at him.

"Sure," Hiccup faced her. He was ready to face any question she had for him.

"Who is Astrid?" Merida looked at him as if she caught him putting salt on his food.

Hiccup wasn't ready for that question. He looked at Merida, who was waiting for an answer to her question. "Well?"

"Ummm...Well?"

"Let me guess, you two are together? But, your father forced you to marry me, so you had to part with her. I see you mentioning in your letters about her?" Merida crossed her arms and looked away from Hiccup. The Viking knew what that look was. Merida gave it to him all the time whenever he was talking to the female servants or chambermaids. Whenever Merida would pass by Hiccup during his discussions or chatters, Merida always stopped near him and stomped his foot on purpose. Merida's mother explained to him that she was jealous.

Hiccup sighed as he looked at her. "Keyword is Was together...we broke up way before we got that letter from your kingdom."

Merida turned around looking at Hiccup to hear his explanation

"We were together before i met you. She reminded me of you sometimes. She was stubborn, very ill-tempered, but has a soft side. She could hurl an axe from a yard away. But, unfortunately things fell apart when our lives were changing. Things were happening so fast that Astrid and i couldn't be committed to one another any longer. So, we broke up."

Merida looked at him. She felt bad for looking through his things. "I am really sorry that happened to you."

"The past is in the past. But, we must look onto tomorrow. Maybe then we can find Toothless."

Merida saw him turning to go to sleep. Merida still had something to get off her chest.

"Hiccup?"

"Yeah?"

"If there was a reason for you to stay here. Would you stay here?"
Merida asked kindly.

"I would, depending on what exactly would keep me here?"

"Okay, goodnight." That answer gave Merida something to think about.

Once the Scottish Princess went to sleep, she cuddled with him. Hiccup didn't feel her cuddles, but something told him that she was starting to enjoy his company. He was just thankful she wasn't scratching or fighting him.

Unknown to the two of them, a pair of big bright green eyes stared at the couple.

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><p>Well, that was interesting.

What did you think?

**I kind of enjoyed the development between Hiccup and Merida. I have a feeling things will grow between the two of them. She doesn't like him yet, but she is starting to warm up to him. I am sure that their love will reveal itself in the future chapters. Ohhh, what's this? Merida getting jealous of Astrid. I am not sure who would win in a fight, Astrid or Merida? **

**Why do i have a feeling i just started a fan war? But, i am sure that war started when people first shipped Merida/Hiccup. I can see it now. **

**Merida: I am going to tear you apart. **

**Astrid: In your dreams, Little Princess. **

***The two growl at one another. However, when Hiccup passes by, the two are friends. Once he disappears.* **

**Merida: You better stay away from him, he's mine. **

**Astrid: In yours and the Merricup's dreams. **

**Wow, that just inspired one heck of a oneshot. Anyways, i hope you guys had fun reading this chapter. Tell me what you think and hopefully chapter 8 will be just as fun. **

**Until then, see you later. **

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